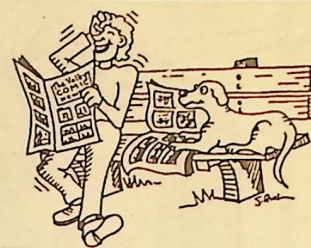


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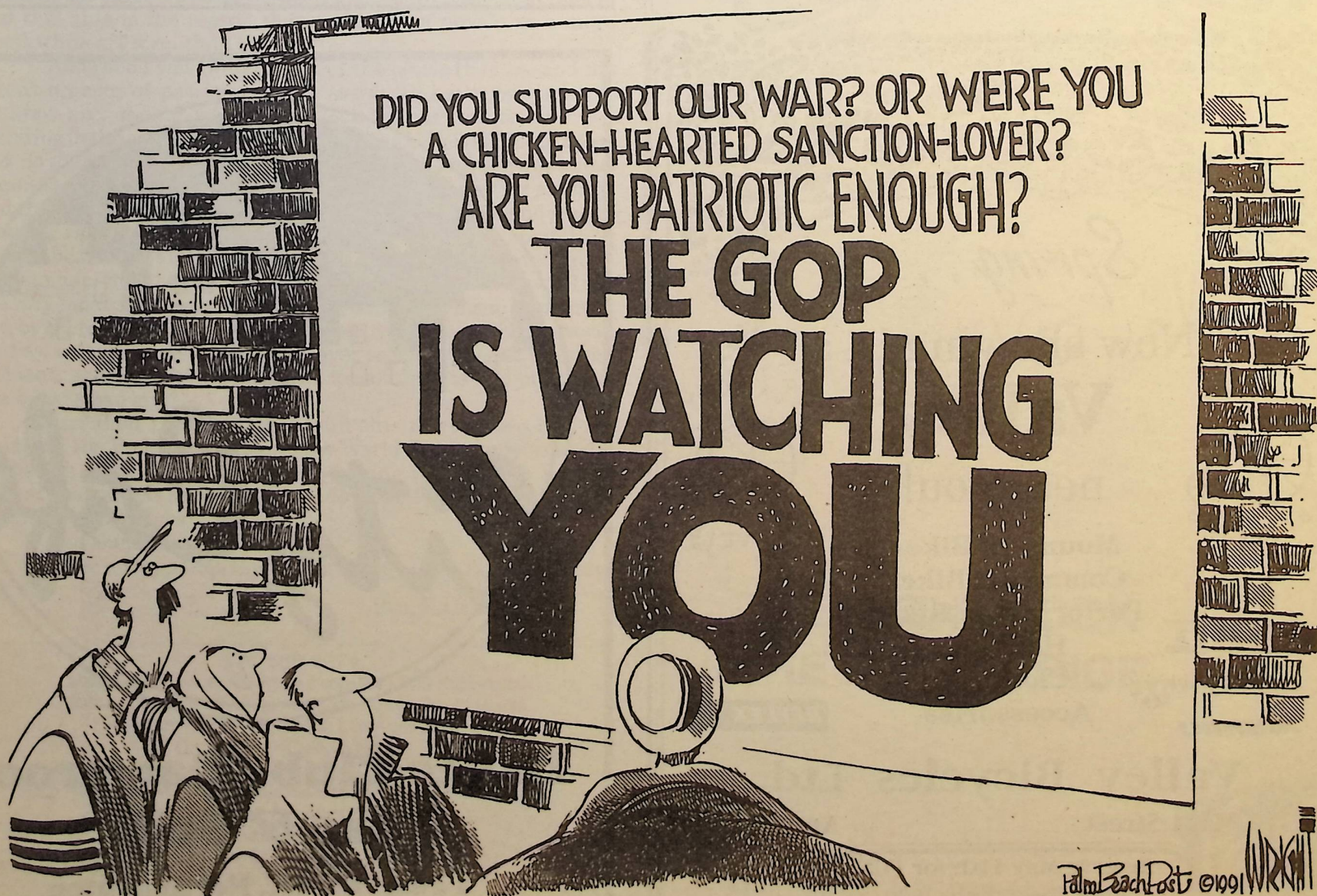
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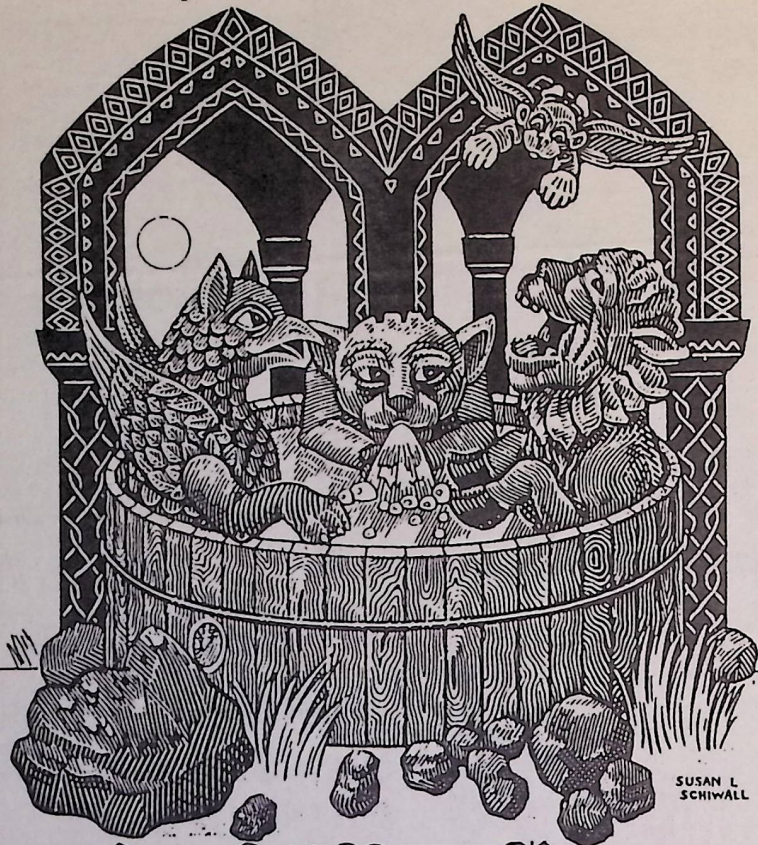
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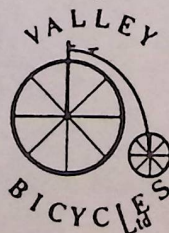


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I was thinking the other day about Art, and whether the literary arts get an undo amount of respect in comparison to the visual arts, and what makes a book intrinsically more valuable than a painting, and are we not submitting to speciesism in our approach to art, because we can communicate with language, and this sets us apart from the other animals, many of which can see far better than we, and by that token do we value the written word more than the visual image, and that this is the reason that we think of novels as a more worthwhile art form than movies?

And then I was thinking about the United States, and the recent orgasm of patriotism that seems to have gripped this country, and should we instead look at our values and our standing in the world, and that now that the USSR is falling apart and no longer interested in Global Conquest, and the Japanese are succeeding so well simply because they build a better product, and the Arabs in the Middle East being perceived less and less as a ragtag rabble and more as section of the world with something to say, and that what they have to say is that we came in and killed thousands of them, and now tacitly support in the civil war in Iraq the very "madman" we spent billions of dollars trying to overthrow, and by this duplicity are we not sending the message to the world that we will use force to solve whatever problem pleases us at the moment, and doesn't this make us, for all intents and purposes, the world's bad guy?

And then I thought that with this powerhouse line-up, shouldn't the Red Sox waltz into the World Series, only to lose it in the 7th game when, leading 10-0 going into the 9th inning, Roger Clemens has a nervous breakdown and gives up 11 runs on one pitch to the Cubs?

And then I had lunch.

Have a Happy Spring, and a Happy Opening Day everyone.

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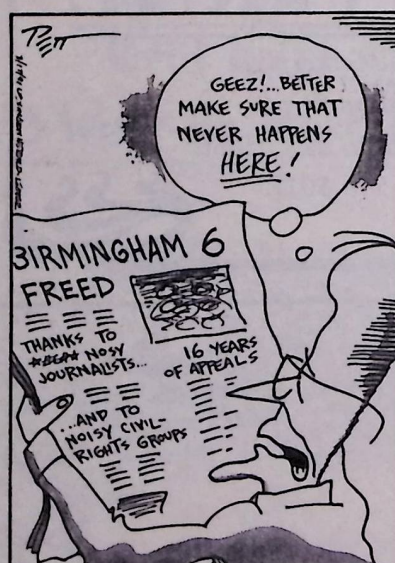
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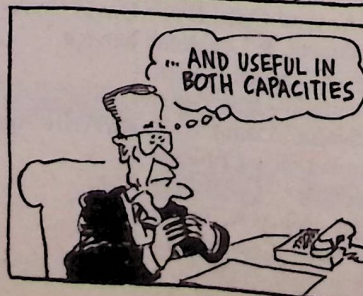
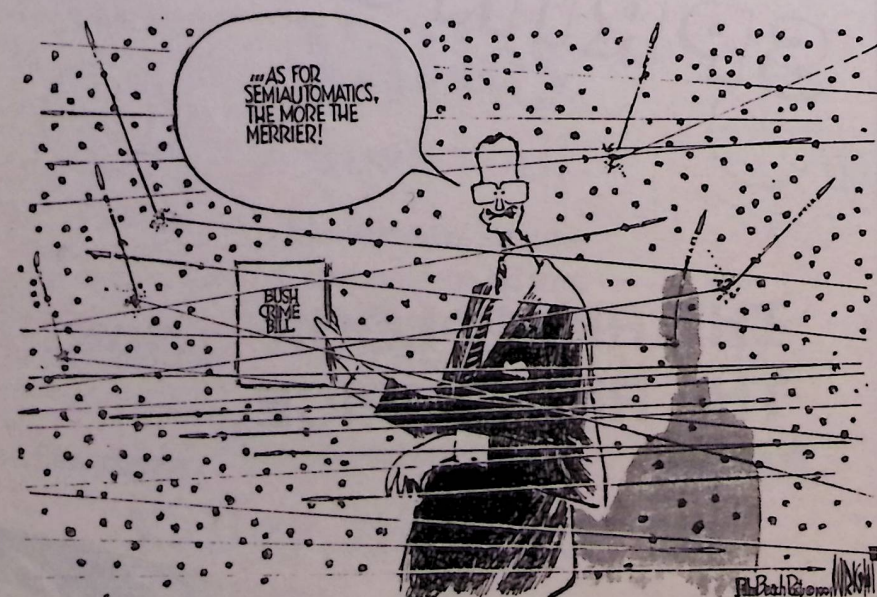


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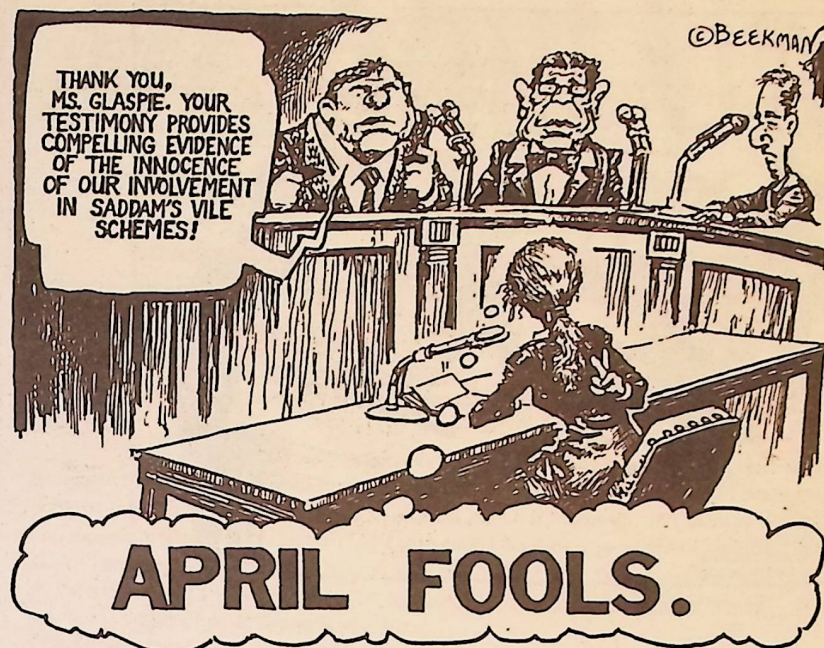
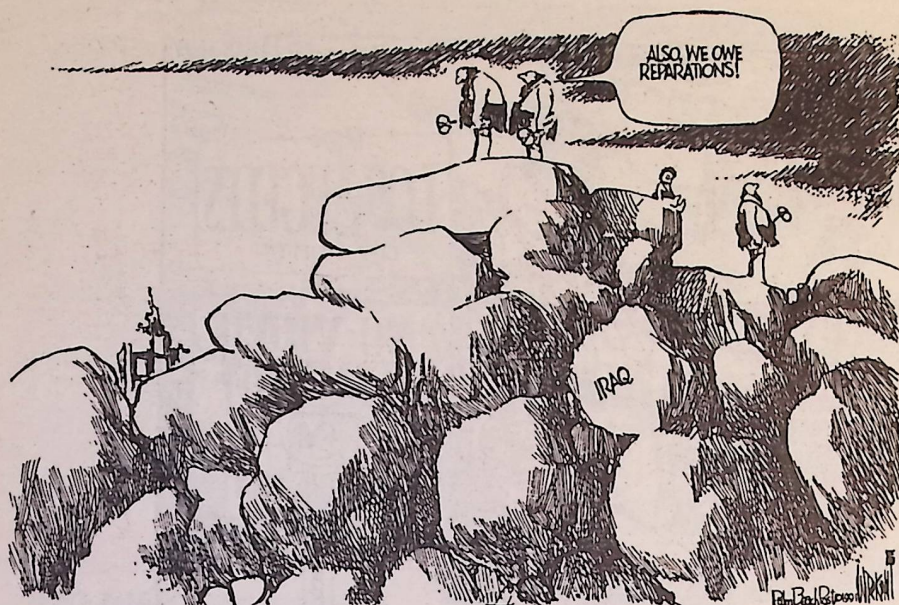
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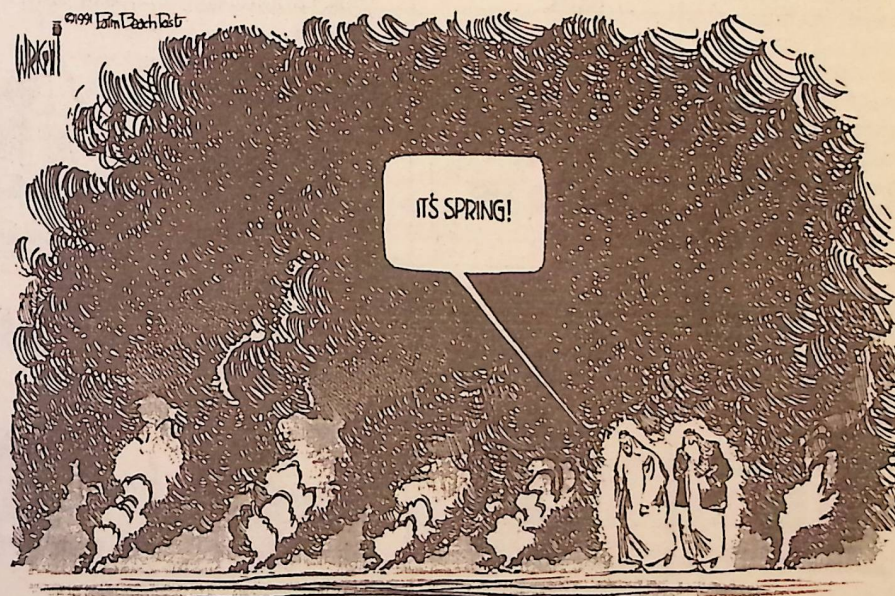
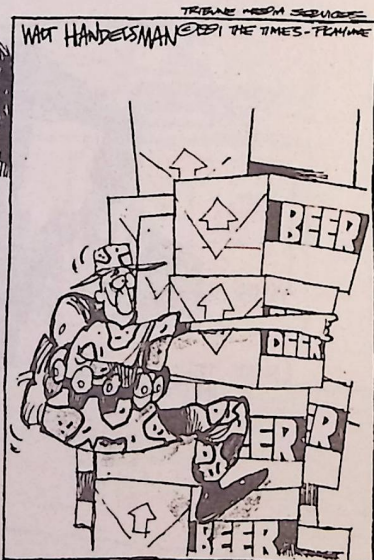
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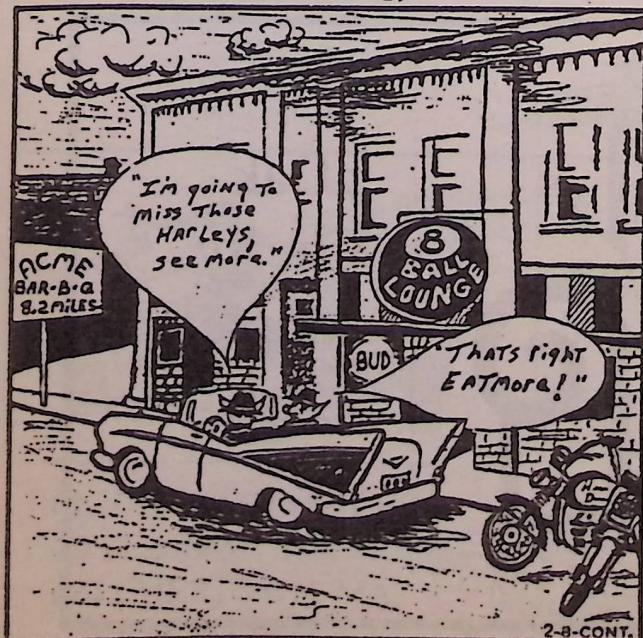
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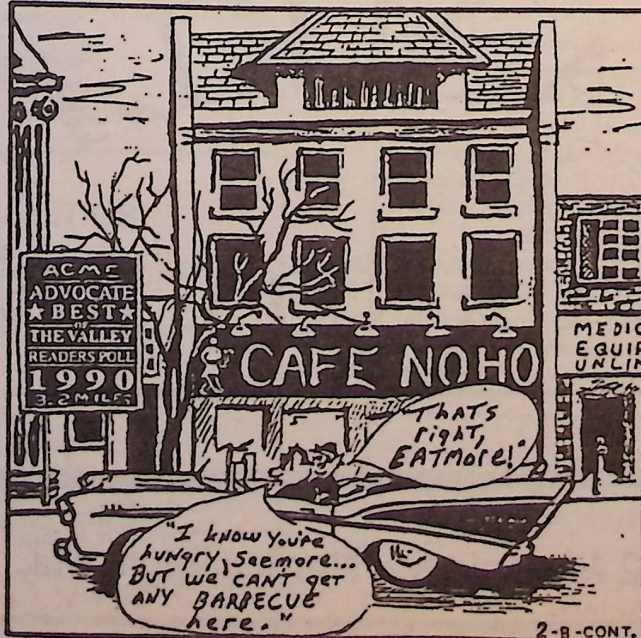
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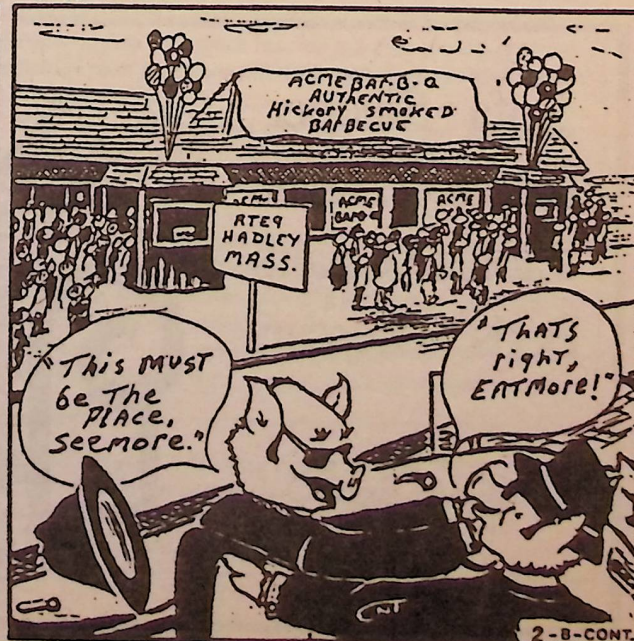
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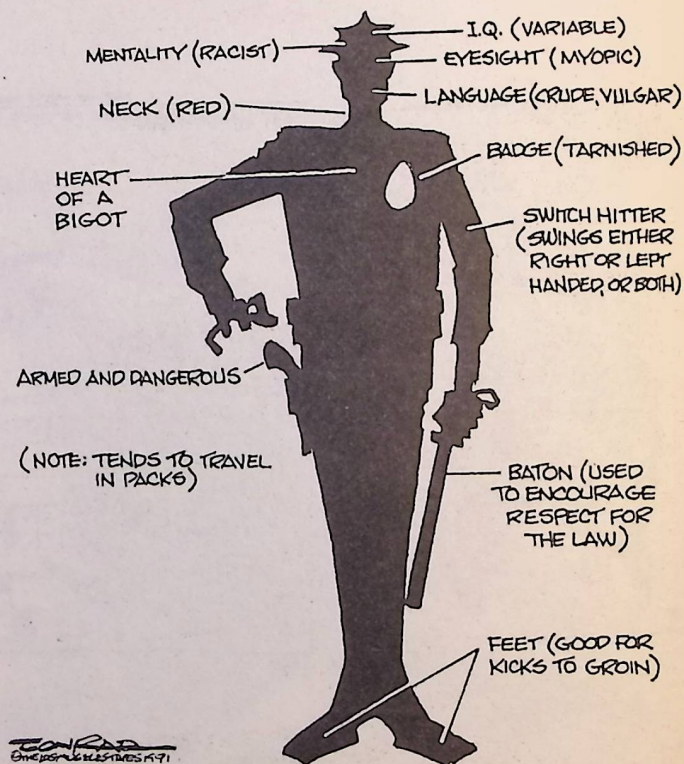
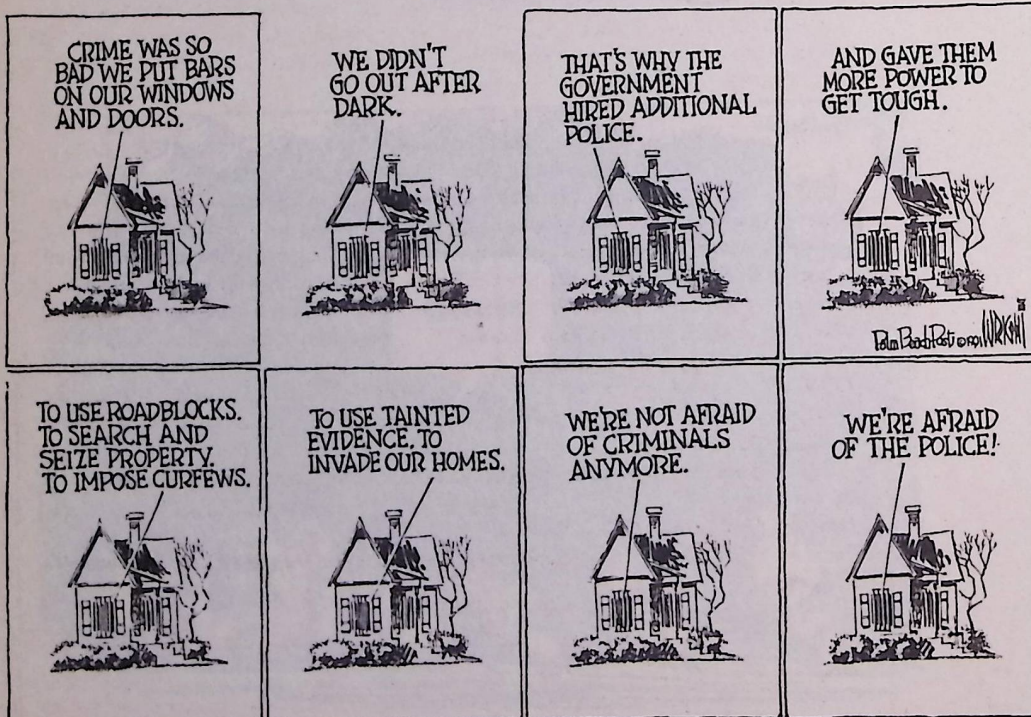
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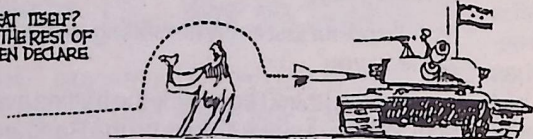
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OK, LET'S ASSUME SYRIA'S HAFEZ ASSAD REALLY IS OUR BUDDY. DOES THIS MEAN SENATOR ALAN SIMPSON WILL FLY TO DAMASCUS AND GREET ASSAD AS WARMLY AS HE GREETED THE OTHER MASS MURDERER—THE ONE IN BAGHDAD?



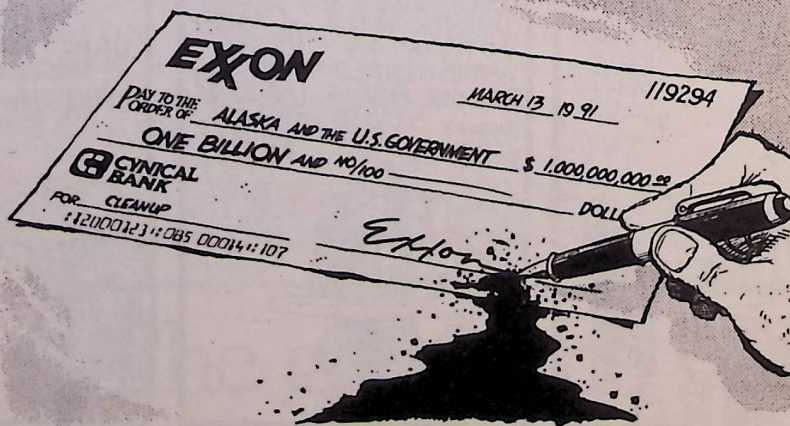
WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF? IF ASSAD INVADERS THE REST OF LEBANON, WILL WE THEN DECLARE WAR ON SYRIA?



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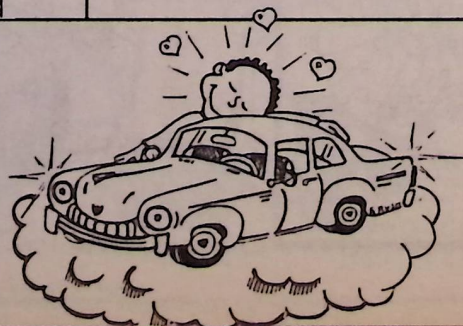


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Dear Mr. Shut Up and I'll Tell You,

I was wondering if you could tell me how Ginger Snaps got their name. This has been preying on my mind and I need some answers. M.T., Green Bay, WI

Dear MT,

If this has been preying on your mind, then you need help, and here I am to offer it. Ginger Snaps got their name from a notorious and hushed up incident on the set of every baby boomers favorite show, GILLIGAN'S ISLAND. It seems that the Skipper remarked one too many times that if Ginger didn't stop eating cookies, she would explode out of the slinky sequined dress she was poured into just three hours before, (coincidentally, the intended length of the tour the Minnow was taking when "the tiny ship was tossed"). What follows is a transcript of Ginger's reaction:

GINGER: "What's that, fat boy? Who the hell are you to... (sound of breakage). And another thing, why do I have all these dresses? Are we supposed to believe I took these on an afternoon excursion? It's stupid! Or did I make them out of seashells and grass?"

PROFESSOR: "Calm down, Ginger. Everyone knows ..."

GINGER: "Shut up Egghead! And you! Everyone knows? Everyone knows about you and that little goody-goody Mary Anne, but nobody has the guts to say anything! She's so pure, she's so sweet. Yet she's all the time in those little halter tops, and those shorts, and I wear these Los Vegas rejects. I'm supposed to be the sexy one! I'm supposed to be the adolescent fantasy machine! (More sound of breakage) I'm tired of being just a piece of flesh to satisfy some Neanderthal producer's idea of womanhood. I want Ginger to be the smart one, I want Ginger to solve a problem once in a while. But No! All Ginger can do is sing some idiotic vampsong every other episode. She wants to be an actress. She wants to be sexy. BUT HAVE YOU EVER SEEN HER WITH A MAN!?!?! Draw your own conclusions."

GILLIGAN: "Hey, what's going on ..."

GINGER: "Go back to your little grass shack, Sailor Boy! (Sound of cookies being thrown) I want substance, I want reality, I want... (Sound of a scuffle) Get your hands off me, Magoo!" (Recorder goes dead)

Since then, the cookie she was eating has been known as the Ginger Snap.

Dear Mr. Shut Up and I'll Tell You,

What's the difference between running shoes and sneakers? T.H., St. Louis MO

Dear TH,

\$150. Stupid question.

Dear Mr. Shut Up and I'll Tell You,

As Spring approaches, can you tell all of us baseball fans why teams practice in Florida? Is it because Mickey Mouse is there, and the Red Sox want to feel at home? TK, Nahant, MA

Dear Nahant,

Red Sox fan, huh? You know, there is a theory that Billy Buckner and Bucky Dent are one and the the same. Makes you wonder about the Anti-Christ, doesn't it?

To get to your question, get out your Rand McNally. Look at the big map of the United States. Notice anything about the shape of Florida? Anything about the shape of Florida that reminds you of something, well, familiar? Since baseball is a male monopoly, these Boys of Summer wish to practice in a place they feel comfortable, and Florida's shape makes them feel right at home.

But what about the West Coast teams, you may ask. Well, they hold Spring Training in Arizona, and that state's water supply, it has been well documented, is loaded with testosterone. You only have to look at the legislation passed in the last million years to get a grasp of what I'm saying.

Speaking of water supplies and Florida, you all know about Ponce de Leon and his search for the Fountain of Youth. But little has been written about Buster de Leon, and his search for the Fountain of Couth. He spent decades exploring the swamps and seashore of Florida, and came up empty, a broken man, declaring that there was no couth in Florida, (or, as it was known in the 16th Century, Frontierland). One only has to look at former Governor (and present-day Drug Czar) Bob Martinez to realize the truth of that statement.

If You have a question for Mr. Shut-up and I'll Tell You, keep it to yourself! If you can't, you might try sending in your question, (in simple language, obviously), care of this paper. He can't guarantee he'll answer, but then again, he doesn't care.

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JOE BOB BRIGGS

I'm probly the only person you'll ever meet who has season tickets to the Texas Rangers baseball team. I think there are eight of us. There used to be more, but we lose two or three every year during the month of August when we start to realize that God didn't intend for baseball to be played in Texas. They just sort of keel over in their chairs, and a faint steamy mist rises up out of their skulls. We look out to the big thermometer on the right-field scoreboard and say, "Damn! We should of known Oscar was about to blow when it hit 112."

There are two kinds of games at Arlington Stadium, where the Rangers play. The first kind is a game where Nolan Ryan pitches. At these games there are 875,000 people in the stands, and you have to fight your way in because everybody's screaming stuff at you like "I'll give you five hundred dollars just to touch your ticket to this game!"

The other kind of game is ... well ... every other game the Rangers play. At these games, especially if it's a Tuesday night, there are 200 people in the stands, and you can actually have an influence on the outcome by yelling things at the batter like "Swing, you bozo!"

Actually, I don't think yelling "Swing, you bozo!" has ever worked, but when there are 200 people there, you have the *illusion* of affecting the outcome, which is just as good.

Anyhow, the problem of being a season-ticket-holder to the Texas Rangers is that we obviously need to come up with things to do during the actual games, and so mostly we talk about the players. We have to talk about *something* or we'll end up eating the food. People who only go the ball game once a year can afford to devour steamy Velveeta nachos, the famous "Super Dog," or ice cream served in a batting helmet, but it takes a four-day recovery period. Season-ticket-holders have to remain in top physical condition, because they're coming back tomorrow night.

Anyhow, in these group discussions, I usually have incisive analytical comments like, "Pete Incaviglia

doesn't look as fat this year." But I've noticed in the last couple, three seasons that this just doesn't pass as legitimate baseball conversation anymore. You've gotta be able to say something like this:

"If Sierra doesn't increase his slugging percentage by another hundred points, he won't be able to win arbitration in the off-season."

"Ever since Guzman had the arthroscopic on his elbow, his slider has slowed down."

(I should point out that I don't know whether it was Guzman or somebody else who "had the arthroscopic," and it might have been on his elbow or it might have been on his hiney for all I know, and I don't even know whether Guzman throws a slider. It's just an example.)

And my eyes glaze over.

Or they'll say:

"Rafael hasn't been hitting with power the last three weeks, but it's family problems."

Family problems?

It's family problems?

How do they know this?

The baseball fan of twenty years ago basically knew the names of the players on the team and in what order they batted. The players had no first names. "Did you see Carlton pitch yesterday? It was great!" This was about the level of conversation.

Then something happened. The devoted fan started calling these players by their first names. "Jeff is not concentrating tonight." Like you've just had a three-hour psychotherapy session with Jeff. Or "Ruben has got to get his temper under control." Like Ruben just came up in the stands and told you how much he hates the Orioles. And last names are only used when the player is in *big* trouble. "That Incaviglia stands way too far off the plate!"

But the truly amazing development is the amount of personal information the fan has about each player. "Well, you could almost predict Jose would have a bad year after he got that one-point-four million contract."

They know the *exact* amount of money the guy makes, down to the "point-four." And there's always a

little *resentment* about this, like, "If he was a *real* ballplayer, he wouldn't care so much about being a millionaire."

I don't know why sports fans are so bitter about players getting money, but they talk about it all the time, over and over and over again.

"You know, Mickey Mantle didn't earn in his whole career what that guy will make this one season."

"No player is worth that much money."

Like they're gonna get the money if the player doesn't.

Why do they feel so bitter about this? New Kids On The Block makes three million a week, but nobody goes to a New Kids On The Block concert and bitches about how much money they make. Larry Hagman gets a couple hundred thou for every *episode* of "Dallas," but nobody watches a scene of "Dallas" and then says, "Larry shouldn't have gotten the two hundred thou this week. That scene was lame."

But ball players are greedy.

And they know about their *personal* lives.

"Well, his dad was an alcoholic, you know, and he was raised by his grandmother."

You're hearing this about a guy while you're watching him hit a ball with a bat and run around a field in his pajamas. And you wanna say, "You know what? I really didn't wanna know that. That's for, like, his priest or his shrink."

I'd rather just know his batting average, if it's all the same to you.

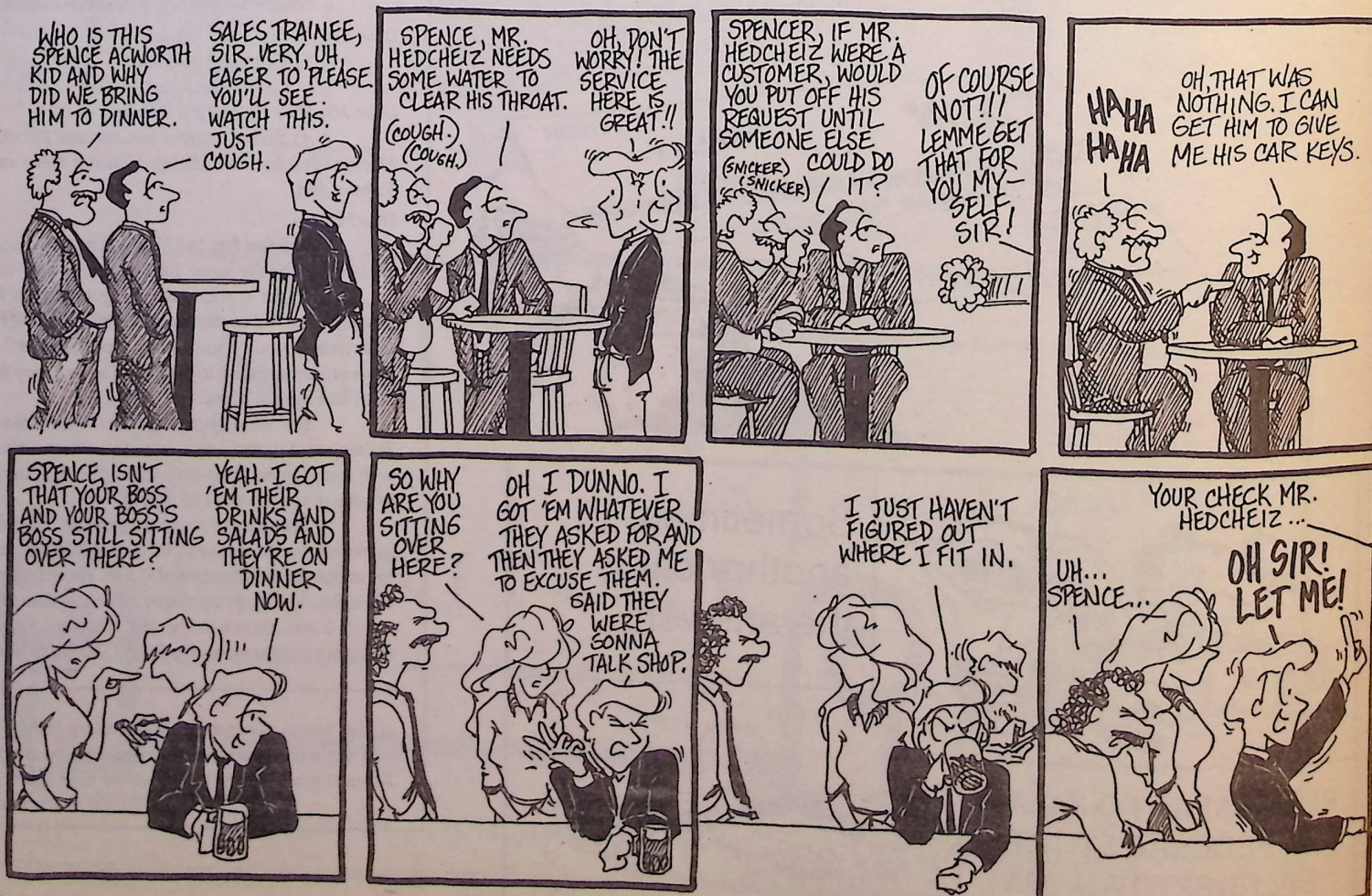
In fact, I think I'll go study the batting averages right now. We have several guys on the Rangers who might break that .250 barrier this year.

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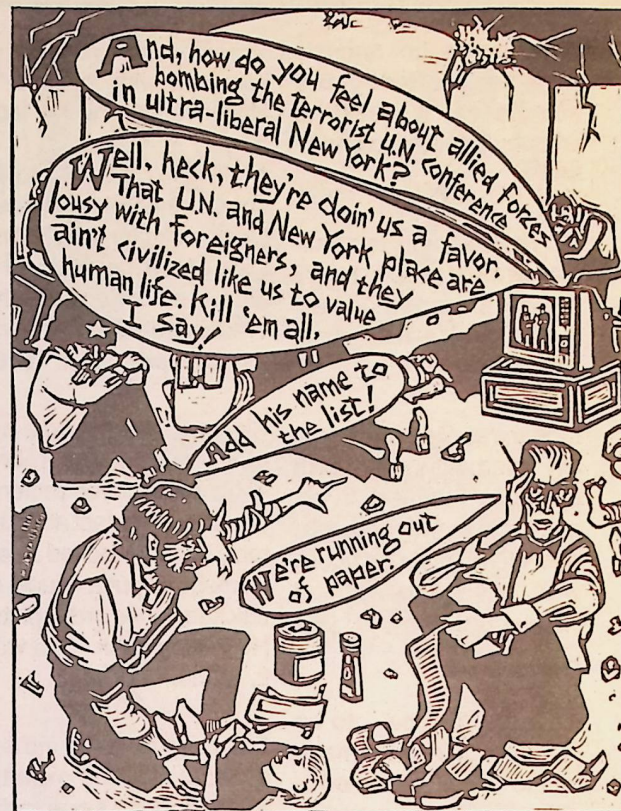
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It was a dark day ★ ★ when an alliance of governments, trying to wipe out separatists attending a U.N. peace conference, dubbed it a "terrorist meeting" and bombed the United Nations. Darker yet were the days following. Only a few reporters were allowed on the scene. Even then, their reports were censored. "News" was spoon-fed to the media in military briefings. As the other survivors and I huddled around a TV in our bunker deep below the U.N. ruins, we knew the red-blooded American press would soon expose this propaganda for what it was.



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Not content with ★ ★ ★ merely disrupting the U.N. peace conference, the so-called allies vowed to continue the aerial bombing until the survivors, huddled in the United Nations' sub-basement bunker, repudiated all their separatist claims and ethnic grievances. Allied military spokesmen, obviously trained by public relations consultants, pitched Operation Status Quo as a righteous, omnipotent, high-tech marvel. As pervasive and subtle as the allies' smoke screen was, I was counting on the American public to see through it as scurrilous propaganda. ★



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by L. M. Boyd

Most domestic animals were domesticated by man, but the cat it's said, is unique: It domesticated itself.

Q. What happens to supermarket meat nobody buys?
A. Goes to a rendering plant to wind up in pet food, soap, whatever.

Mohandas Gandhi is usually listed among the 20th century's foremost thinkers. It's a matter of record one of his favorite books was a volume entitled "Constipation and Our Civilization."

It's not a "replica" - to be precise - unless it's made by the maker of the original.

Q. When did Yogi Berra come up with the line "It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings"?

A. He didn't. A San Antonio sports announcer named Dan Cook first said it. And Dick Motta popularized it when he coached the Washington Bullets during the NBA playoffs in 1978.

Sir Isaac Newton was another of those cerebral souls who never remember when they last ate. At a table once, he looked away. Somebody put a couple of chicken bones on his plate. He looked back. That was it. Dinner was done.

One coyote can sound like a dozen, say the experts. But they don't say exactly how it manages that, except to claim: The coyote is a true ventriloquist.

It was General Maxwell Taylor who said, "A peacetime army is a chimney in the summer."

A pickpocket of lengthy experience says, "Never trust a grownup with an ice cream cone. Tipping ice cream on you is the pickpocket's favorite way to distract you."

Teddy Roosevelt's Roughriders fought their biggest battle on foot.

Experts now say both Thomas A. Edison and Albert Einstein were dyslexic.

How many is "63 quadrillion"? However many, that's the estimated number of different shots possible on a standard billiard table.

If "plumbum" weren't another word for "lead," no doubt we'd call a "plumber" something else.

In late autumn of every year, one Texas nudist camp posts this sign: "Clothed for the Winter."

Q. What makes waves break?

A. Topwater moving faster than bottom water. Happens when the water is only 1.3 times as deep as the wave is high.

Took Oscar Hammerstein three weeks to write the lyrics to "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning." Richard Rodgers wrote the music in ten minutes.

You can expect your thumbnail to grow 1.6 inches a year.

Why don't you assign the medical researcher in your family to figure out why stress triggers cold sores?

You know that hand game where you and your opponent mix and match the number of extended fingers? Sioux Indians played it before the Europeans showed up. Old Romans played it. Ancient Egyptians played it.

In New Zealand a couple of hundred years ago, any man without a tattoo was just a nobody.

Petrarch climbed Mount Ventoux in southern France in 1336. Some say that marked the beginning of the Renaissance, because "it was the first time anybody had climbed a mountain just to see the view."

An efficiency expert contends executives waste about three hours a week just looking for things.

Q. What's the most accurate measurement science has yet devised?

A. Will quote you the answer. Good luck. "A second in time is the duration of 9,192,631,770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the cesium-133 atom." Got it?

In ancient Rome, Cicero gave this advice to political candidates: "Take followers with you wherever you go. Call everyone by name. When asked anything, always say yes. Make promises, whether you keep them or not."

The Medical Society of Wisconsin has reportedly revealed that state has the highest proportion of overweight citizens.

Ought to be a monument, too, at the corner of 74th Street and Central Park West in New York City. That was where driver Arthur Smith in 1889 ran over Henry Bliss, the first U.S. pedestrian killed by a car.

Dinosaur experts say not just one but at least a dozen mass extinctions wiped out the big beasts.

Q. What's "surimi"?
A. Imitation crabmeat.

World's biggest lake is five and a half times as big as the world's second biggest lake. No. 1, Caspian Sea. No. 2, Lake Superior.

That chronic viewer you and I call a "couch potato" is known in England as a Utelly-belly."

If an octopus comes up from the deep too quickly, the pressure drop can turn it inside out.

Those who know the sea say that sort of jellyfish known as the sea wasp is far more dangerous to humans than sharks.



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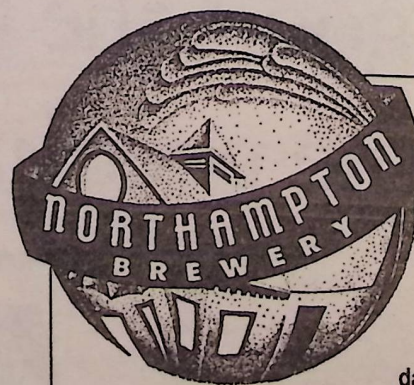
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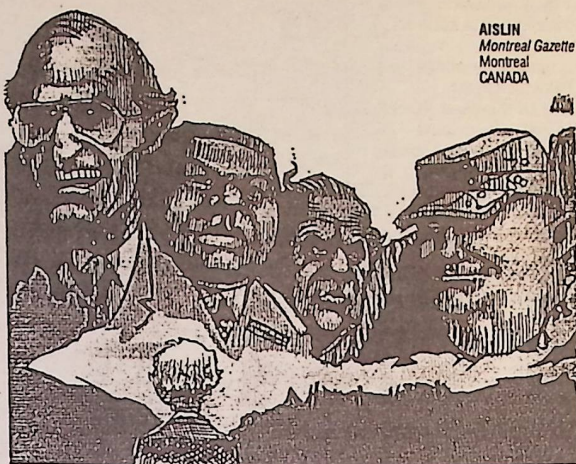
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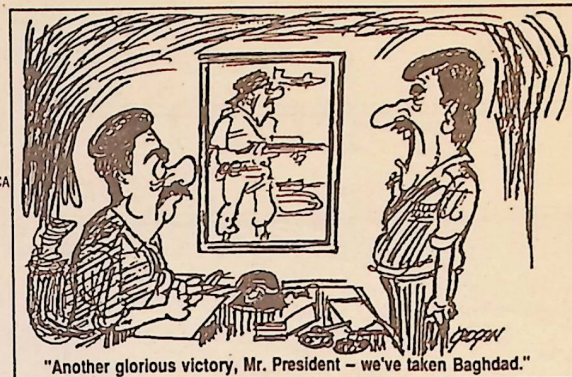
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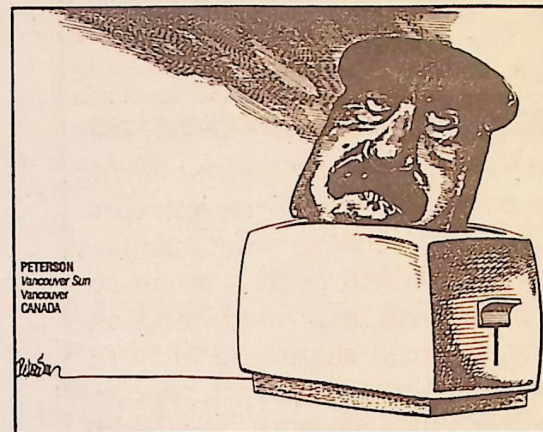
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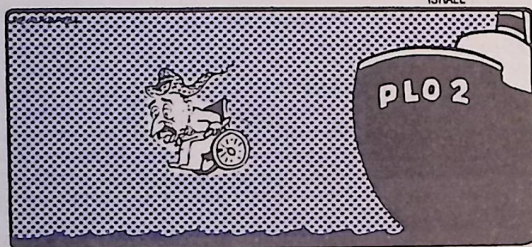
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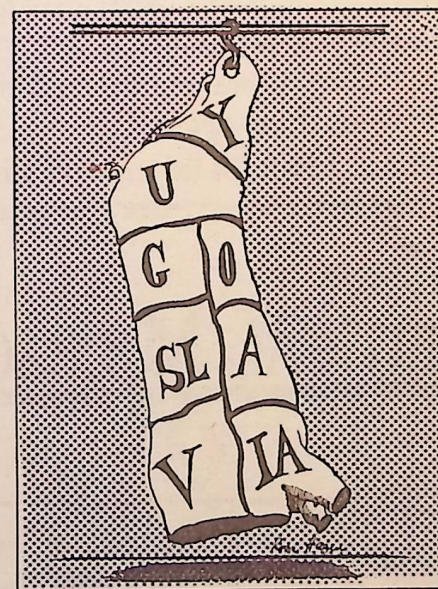
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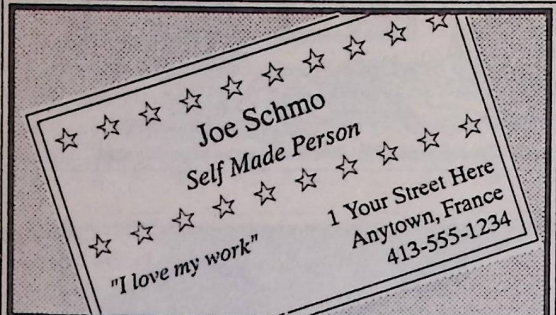
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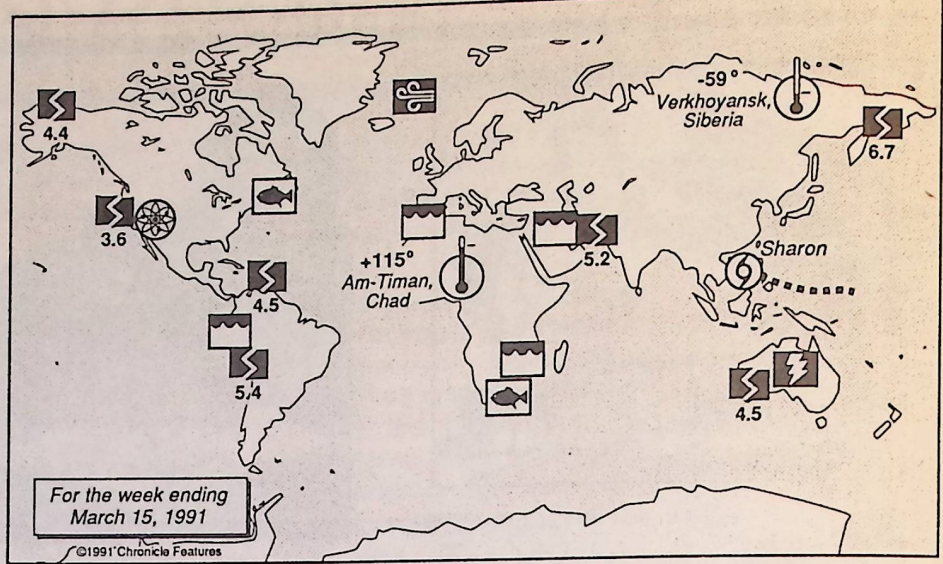
EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

Floods

Some 750 villages in the southern half of Iran were hit by a renewed round of flooding. Streams in the southwest were still flowing black and greasy due to fallout caused by smoke from burning oil fields in Kuwait. Flash floods in the East African nation of Malawi left at least 472 people dead and thousands homeless. The flood waters, covering an area of about 200 square miles, swept away roads, several bridges, and an unspecified number of homes 45 miles southeast of Blantyre. Six people drowned and another eight were reported missing when the rain-swollen Tingo River flooded a northern Andean mining settlement in northwestern Peru. Floods struck one of Morocco's most fertile valleys and closed roads between Rabat and Tangier. The region had been lashed by torrential rain, gales, and thunderstorms in the days leading up to the inundation.

Doomed Fish

Thousands of Atlantic salmon that returned to a Nova Scotia river after it was cleansed of pollutants will probably perish because Canadian government spending cuts have canceled the water-treatment project. Canada had been spending \$87,000 annually for the past six years to treat the East River with lime, which offset the deadly effects of acid rain and other industrial pollutants. As the program succeeded, thousands of salmon returned to spawn in the river and adjoining lakes. An estimated 500,000 fish perished in the polluted Levubu River in South Africa's black homeland of Venda after a fruit farmer dumped pesticide into the river. Clinics reported treating scores of villagers suffering from stomach ailments after they unwittingly drank water and ate fish before warnings of the pollution reached them.



Calmed Current

Columbia University scientists have detected that one of the deep ocean's natural water pumps seems to have switched off east of Greenland during the 1980s. Under normal conditions, cold, salty, and heavier water sinks in the Greenland Sea, and is replaced by warmer, less salty surface waters flowing from the south. This complex "conveyor belt" warms northern Europe and the British Isles far more than their northerly latitudes would normally allow. Peter Schlosser of Columbia's Lamont Doherty Laboratory doesn't know exactly what nearly has caused the current to stop, but suspects increased runoff from Siberian rivers or increased melting of polar ice.

Testing

The U.S. exploded its first nuclear bomb in nearly four months at the Nevada Test Site shortly after noon on March 8.

The Department of Energy announced the blast had a relatively weak force of less than 20 kilotons. This type of small explosion has been known to be used to test devices such as X-ray lasers, and other weapons associated with the Star Wars program.

Tropical Storms

Tropical storm Sharon packed winds of 45 miles per hour as it passed over Mindanao Island but caused no significant damage. The out-of-season tropical storm brought needed relief to parts of the southern Philippines that were in their fourth month of drought, and were facing an invasion of locusts.

Earthquakes

A sharp quake broke windows and knocked items off shelves in the Australian gold-mining town of Kalgoorlie. Earth movements were also felt in

eastern Siberia, southern Iran, eastern Colombia, Taiwan, northern Chile, central Alaska, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

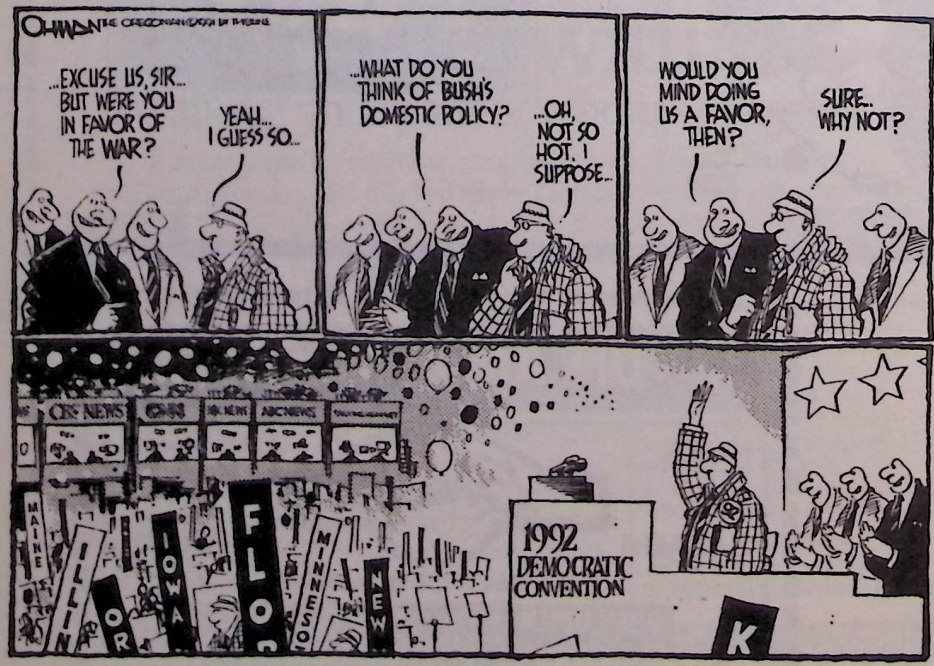
Power Down Under

Researchers in Australia have discovered the world's longest natural electrical current running deep beneath the vast outback. The arc is 3,700 miles long and ranges in width from 31 to 62 miles. It stretches from Broome, in the northwest, to the South Australian Desert, where it splits with one line hitting the south coast near Adelaide and another continuing northward to the Gulf of Carpentaria. Geophysicist Francois Chamalaun of Flinders University said the current isn't strong enough to be tapped for commercial power, but does run through all of Australia's major onshore oil and gas fields. If scientists can learn why these areas conduct electricity, it could lead them to new deposits.

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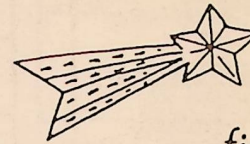
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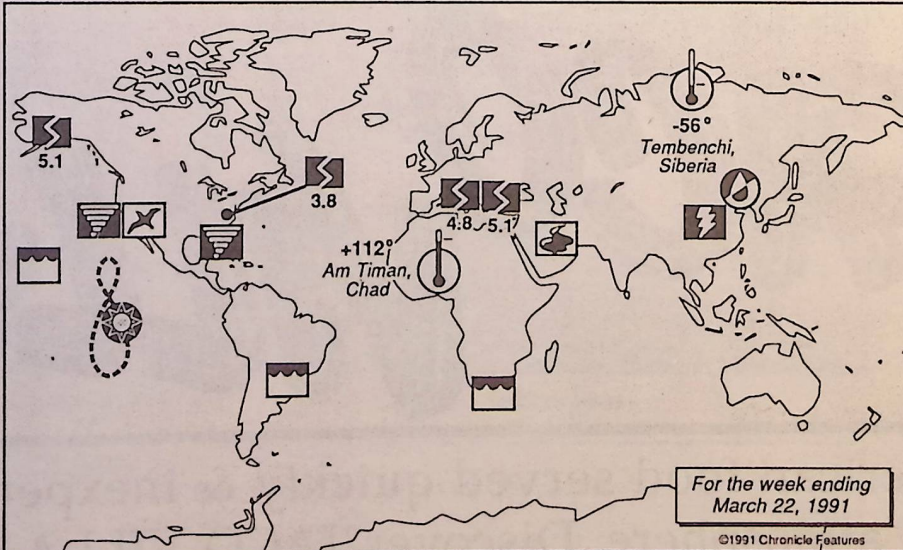
EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

By Steve Newman

Gulf Update

The huge oil slick released into the Persian Gulf during the recent conflict now covers half of Saudi Arabia's coastline, according to an expert from the World Wildlife Fund. A team of Japanese environmental experts who were making an aerial survey of Kuwait warned that crude oil was still leaking into the Gulf from an island oil facility, and from tankers anchored off the coast.

Officials in the Kuwaiti capital warned residents that the thick smoke from 900 burning oil wells could cause serious health problems, and suggested that they consider leaving the country temporarily. In Iran, black rains caused by the smoke clouds continued to pollute rivers, streams, and water supplies. A police officer in the southern province of Bushehr said that rain-caused "slicks are so dense that they can easily be set alight."



Floods

At least 20 people died when massive floods struck the Brazilian capital of Sao Paulo during a night of chaos caused by the worst rainstorm in the city's history. Flood waters surged to as high as six feet in some streets. Many people slept on the roofs of their stranded cars, and the Brazilian Television System was forced to suspend broadcasts for several hours when its studios were flooded. The same antarctic cold front responsible for the Brazilian floods produced massive inundations in northern Argentina's Salta and Formosa provinces.

Runoff from days of heavy tropical rainstorms paralyzed a long stretch of Hawaii's main island. Oahu's northeast and north shores were cut off from Honolulu by mud, boulders, and rain-swollen streams.

Torrential rains flooded parts of Pretoria, Johannesburg, a wide area of the western Transvaal, and western Orange Free State.

Hail

Hailstorms killed 69 people and injured more than 1,000 others in central China's Hunan province. China's semi-official Hong Kong China News service said that the storms also killed 4,500 farm animals.

Drought

The Beijing Daily reported that the Chinese capital is suffering from its worst drought in 30 years. Three recent snowfalls have failed to help, and almost 60 percent of the wheat crop around Beijing is threatened. In the past, chronic water shortages have prompted the government to consider moving the capital.

Regular and drenching rains in recent weeks have eased the drought significantly in most of the Middle East, but continued dryness in Cyprus forced the government to consider importing water from neighboring countries.

Quakes

Earth movements were felt in Crete, along the Greece-Albania border, southern Alaska and in Virginia during a quiet week for worldwide seismic activity.

Twisters

A tornado ripped through part of Lakeland, Florida, destroying about 60 mobile homes and scattering debris for miles, but causing no serious injuries. The fiercest storm to strike Southern California in five years spawned a twister that tore roofs off houses and stores, and uprooted trees as it hopscoched over a seven-mile path near Los Angeles.

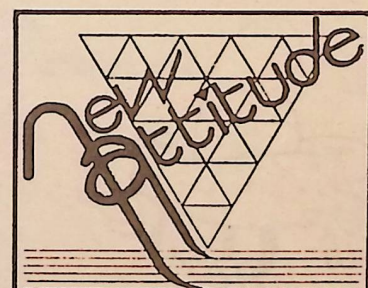
Equinox

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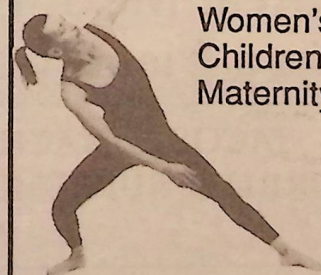
The annual rite of the swallows returning to the Mission San Juan Capistrano in Southern California occurred right on schedule, but some of the birds took a sharp left turn and wound up in the fashionable beach community of Malibu. Dozens of the swallows, which had migrated 5,000 miles from Goya, Argentina, took up residence in the eaves of the library and other buildings at Malibu's Pepperdine University. Legend has it that the swallows failed to arrive at Capistrano on time only once, in 1935, because of a storm. The mission bell rang at 8:07 a.m. on Wednesday to signal the arrival of a flock of 30 to 60 swallows. Development around the mission has reduced the numbers of the returning birds, with many finding other, more spacious settings to make their California home.

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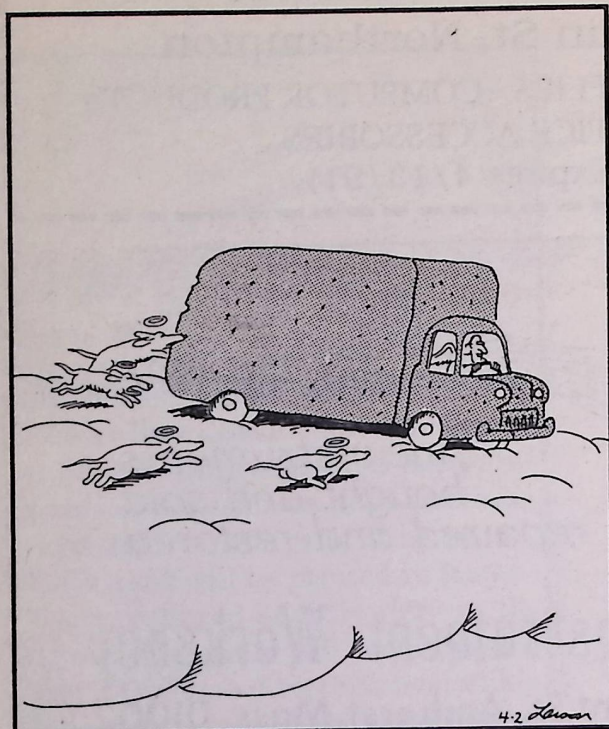
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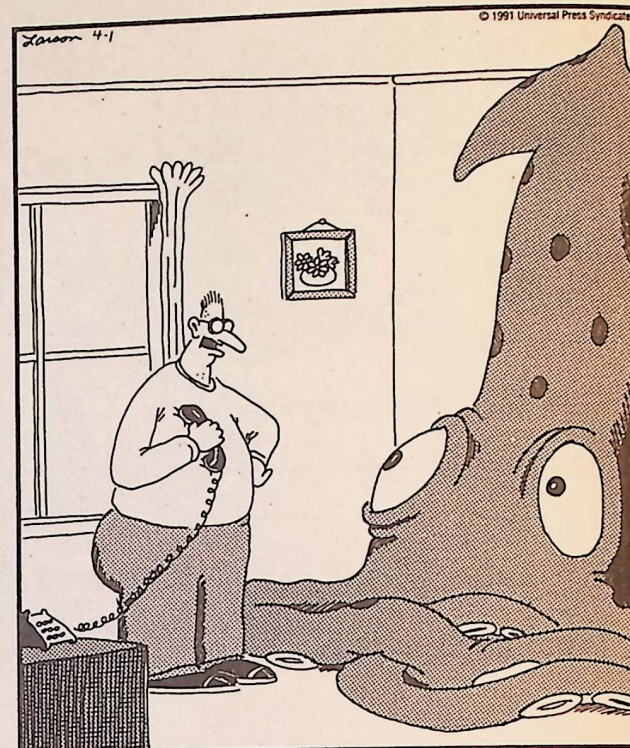
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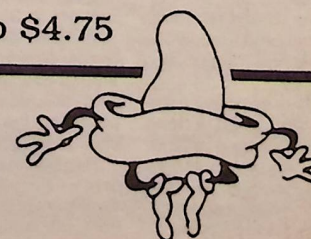
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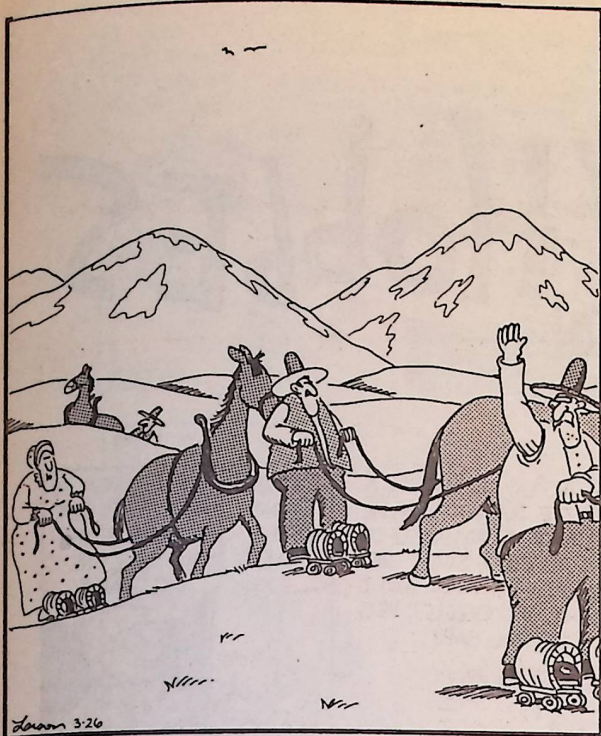
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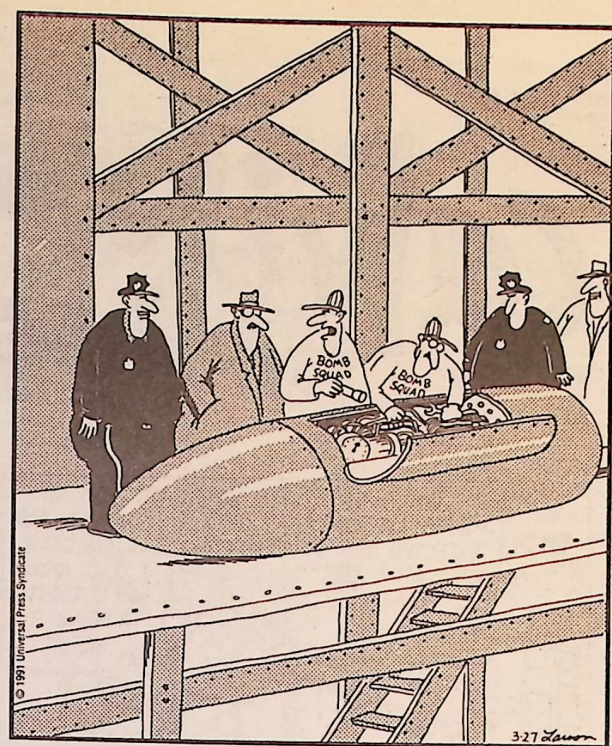
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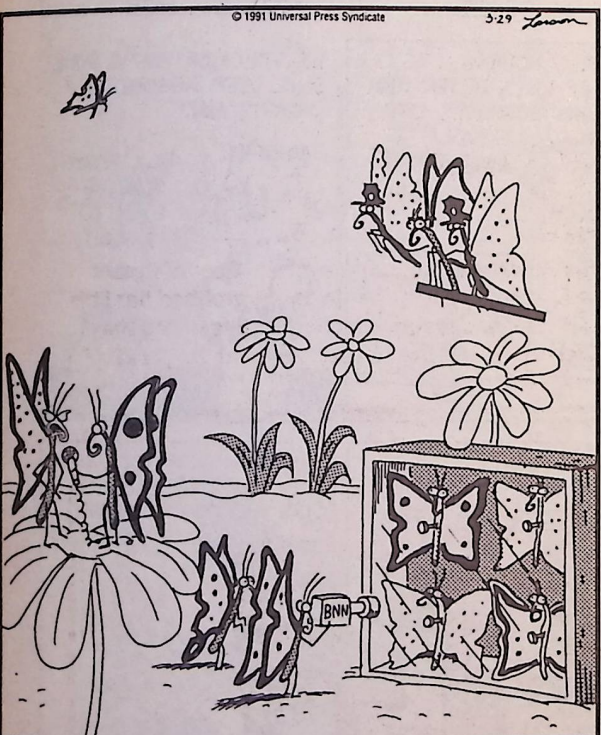
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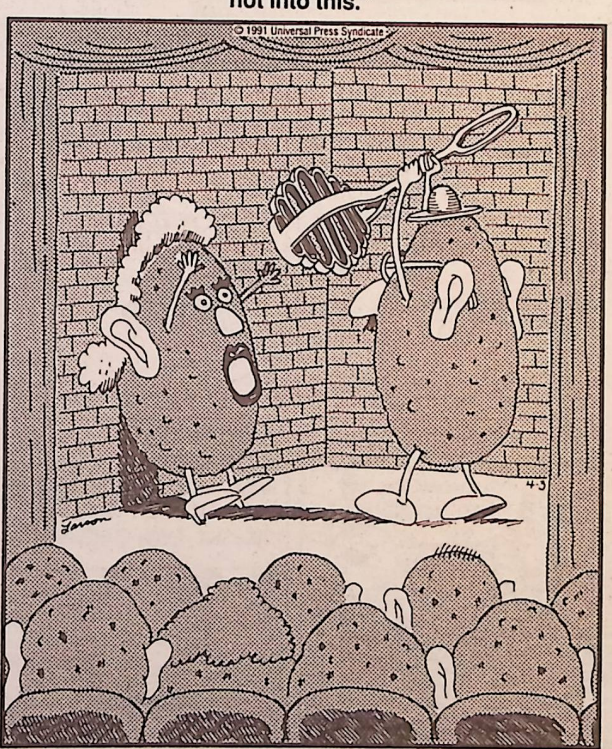
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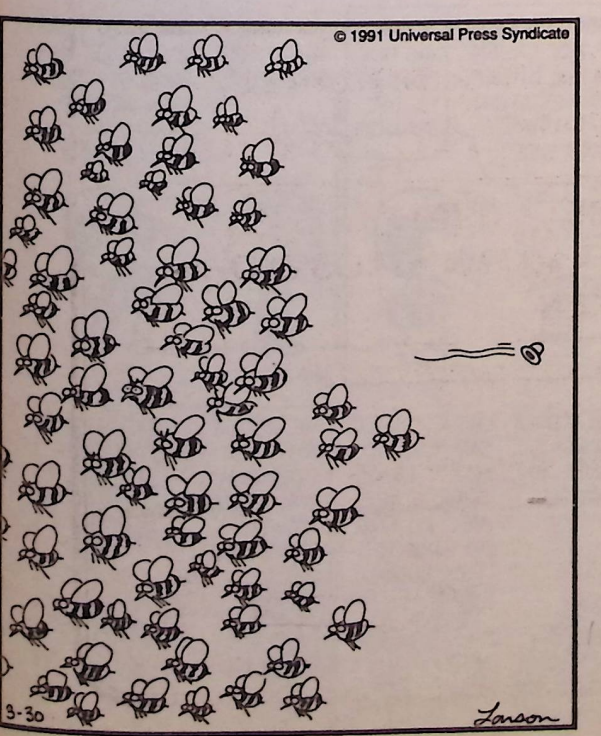
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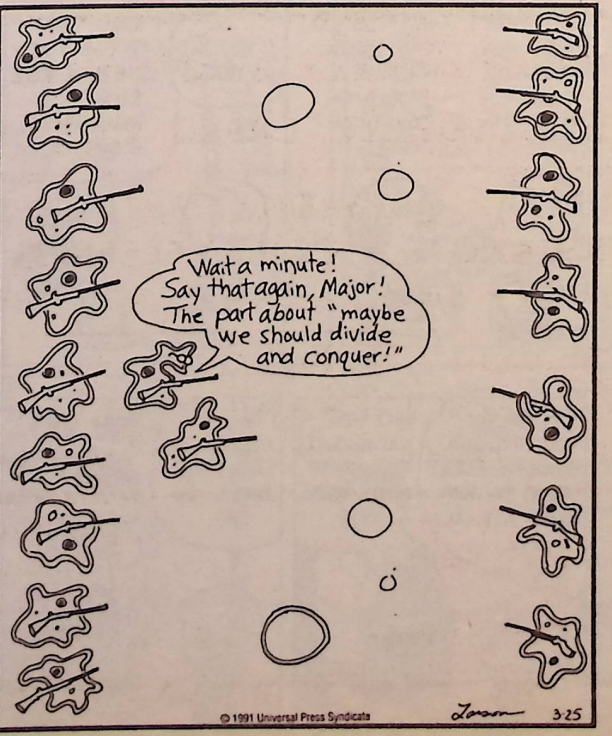
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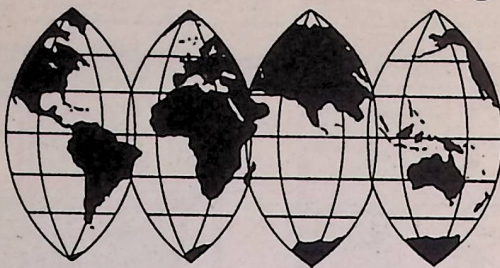


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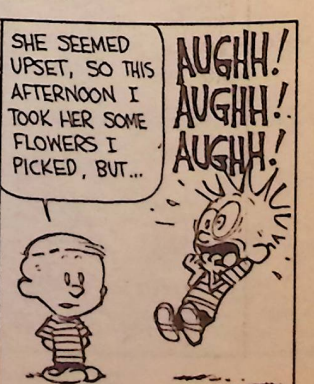
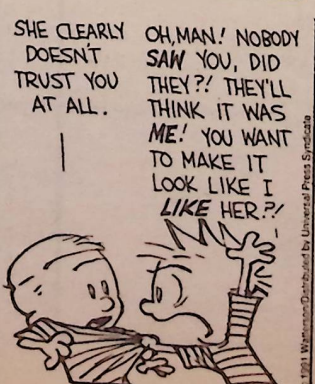
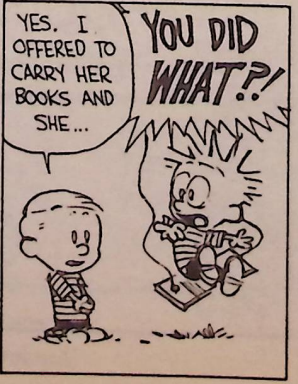
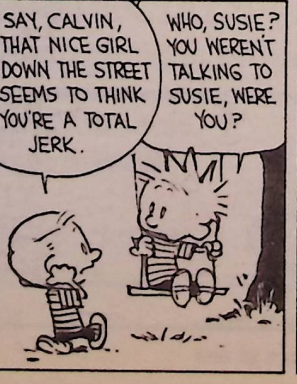
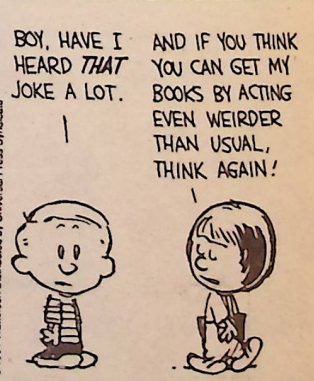
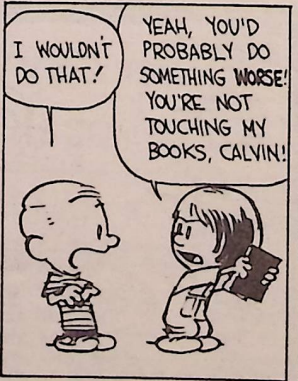
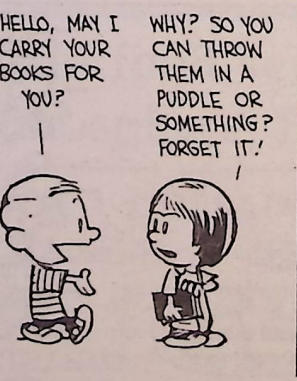
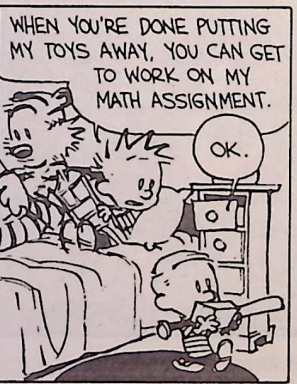
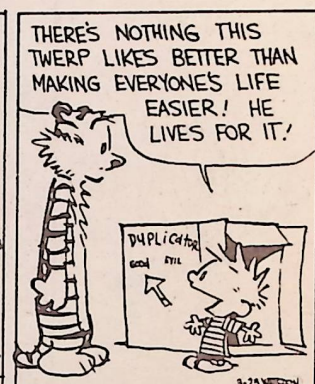
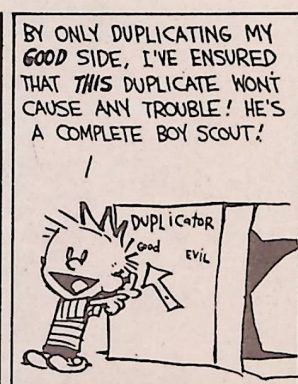
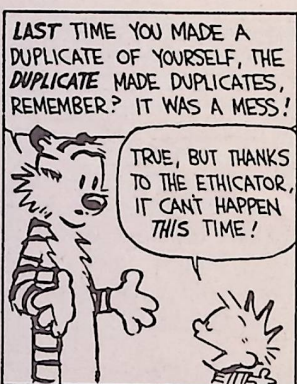
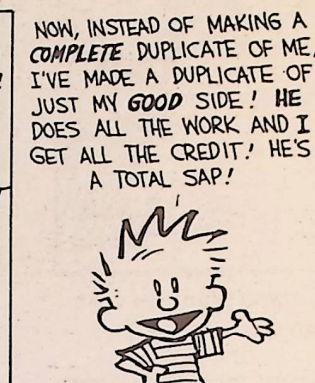
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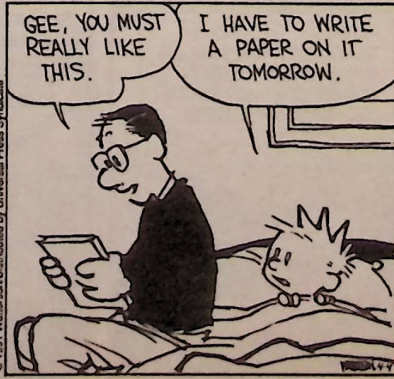
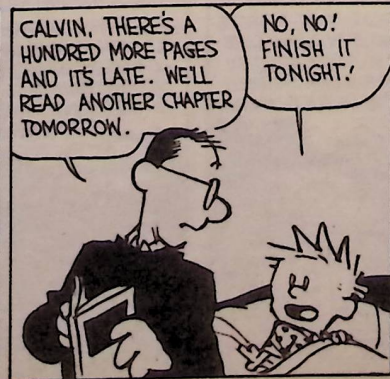
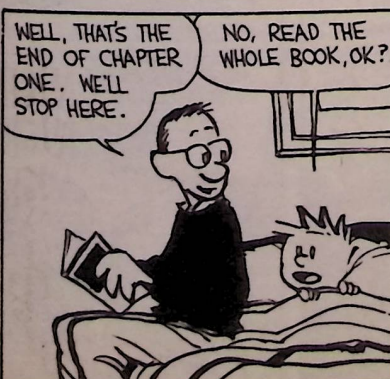
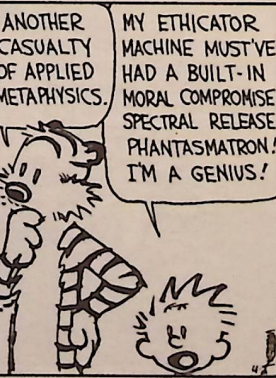
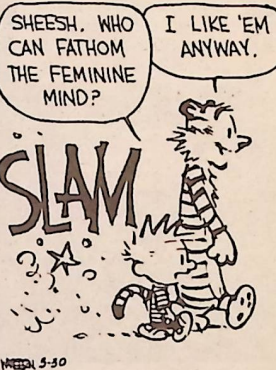
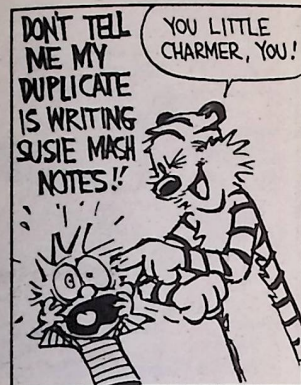
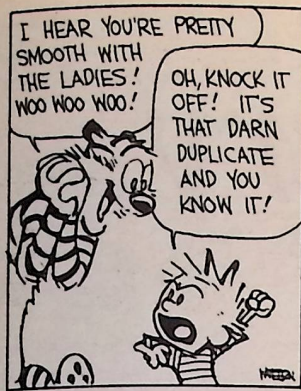
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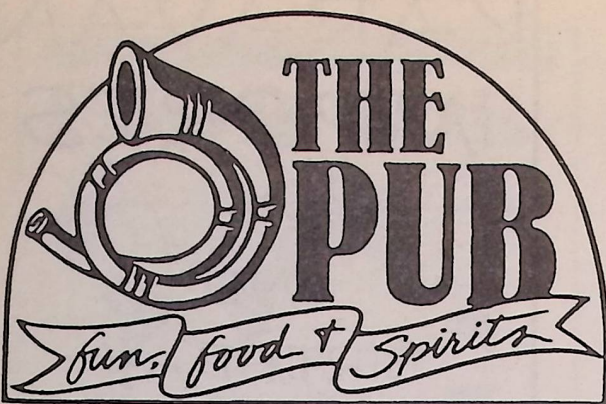
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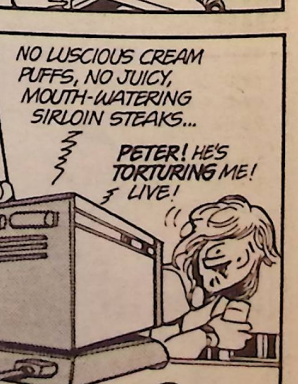
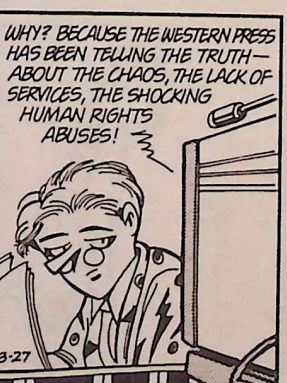
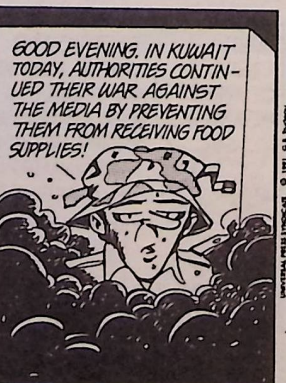
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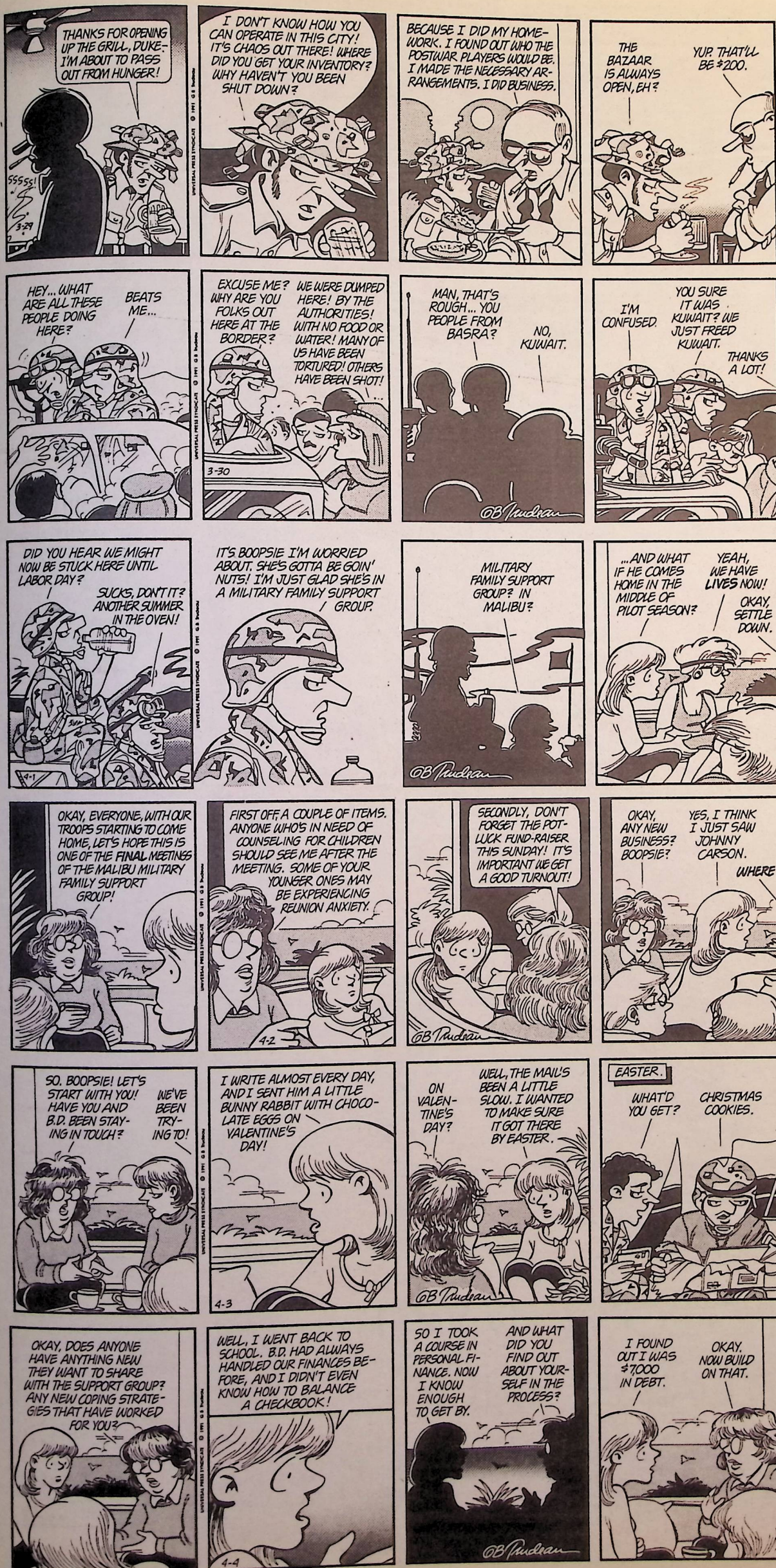
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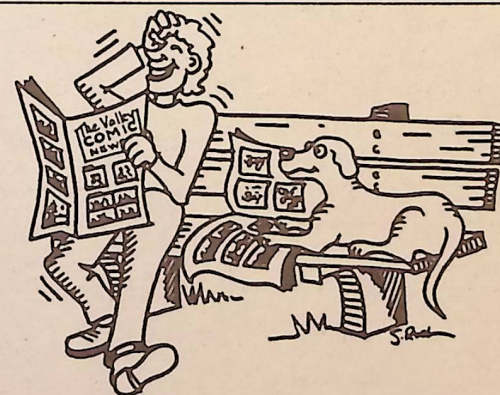




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